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Dear Harriett,

But for the arrival of a number of the Trans. N.Y. Acad. Sci. which carried an item like the above address, I should never have learned that you had emigrated. At that, the description is unenlightening, and I haven't the faintest idea what is meant by "Institut de Biologie", whether it is associated with the University, the Institut Pasteur, or whatnot. If you receive this letter you will know, of course, that the postal authorities were a little less puzzled.

Thanks for returning "Tarski"; I don't know whether you ever got my acknowledgment. At any rate, the early difficulties in getting started which I described then have pretty much evaporated, so that I am underway again, and working. Main interests are in the genetic control of saccharolytic enzymes (e.g., found two genes controlling the utilization of lactose) of which the story is still quite complicated. Have also been trying to do some sort of "tetrad" analysis with coli, as it appears that at least under certain conditions at least two products of a meiosis can be isolated together. There are some very strange patterns of interference which will have to be unravelled.

What about yourself? Who are your colleagues, and what your scientific interests? How do you find Paris? Do you see Monod, Lwoff, Teissier, Latarjet? If so give them my best wishes. But above all, let's hear from you.

Sincerely,

Joshua